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Bill Marti is 1990 Goerlich Award Winner

William A. Marti, the Sight Center's third chairman of the board of trustees was honored as the recipient of the 1990 John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in April.

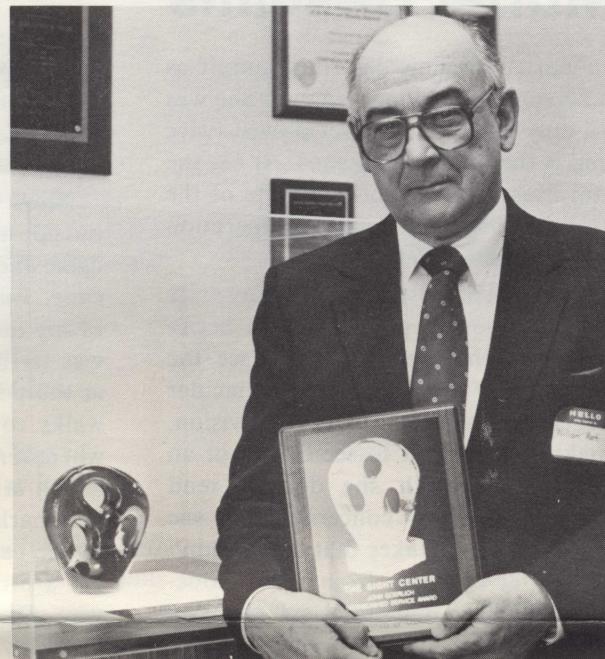
Bill Marti began his service as a member of the board in 1970. He became chairman in 1978, succeeding John Goerlich. During the ten years of his leadership, the agency had its most significant period of growth. The Toledo Society for the Blind also became known as The Sight Center, developed a new logo, and conducted its first, and highly successful capital campaign. Programs such as that of Prevention of Blindness were expanded and the agency received accreditation by the National Accreditation Council.

Mr. Marti has worked to attract major contributors to The Sight Center and has been a part of the Lions Transportation Committee for many years, driving clients to and from agency sponsored recreational programs.

This year's honoree is the retired president of Canteen Service Company of Toledo. A West Toledo resident, much of Mr. Marti's leisure time is spent on his farm in Pioneer, Ohio. He has generously afforded the agency his time and talent over the years, and continues to do so as an active member of the current board.

The Iris Award — A New Distinction

The Iris Award, a new distinction given to a volunteer nominated by Sight Center staff, was won by John Hirsch. This award will be given annually to a volunteer who displays a positive attitude and whose cooperation has added to the success of the Sight Center's program services. John proved invaluable to the broadcast reading service, SCAN. During 1989, he clocked 776.5 hours of service, reading, preparing copy, and helping other volunteers. When SCAN first went on the air in March of 1988, he was the first reader.



Mr. William Marti received the 1990 John Goerlich Distinguished Service Award.

Other Awards

During 1989, 412 Sight Center volunteers gave over 11,500 hours of time to the agency. Jeanette Hrovatich, Volunteer Coordinator, presented pins and certificates to the following persons: **Five years** — Saretta Burke, Leonard Burns, Mary Cappuccilli, Craig Cappuccilli, Glen Crosby, Pat Fournier, Ray Ketzer, Al Levinson, Brian Miller, Virginia Place, Helen Porter, Bob Sampson, Virginia Stanley, Carl Tamlyn, Mildred Wells, Lilly Yourist; **Ten years** — Al McEwen, Don Norwood, Pauline Samiec, Frank Siska; **Over 600 Hours** — John Hirsch, Nancy Burton; **Over 400 Hours** — Glen Crosby, Jim Etzel; **Over 200 Hours** — Don Schumacker, Ethel Lewis, Don Gabenski, Virginia Lewandowski, Alice Herrerman, Charlotte Goodman; **Over 100 Hours** — Barth Riley, Jerry Breier, Leonard Burns, Frank Siska, Bill Van Orman, Pat Clay, Ruth Rudinger, Jean Weber, Doris McCarthy, Jackie Sobecki, Jack Shaffer, Larry Barnes, Jim Babcock, Angie Mierzewjewski, and Kathy Oatis.

The luncheon speaker was Marge Glauser, Assistant Director of the Voluntary Action Center. Ms. Glauser spoke about the importance of each task performed in people-oriented agencies like The Sight Center. She ended her talk with a poem written by

Because of You

My life has been blessed because of you,
with the time you give and the things you do.

My eyes, though blind, can clearly see
the many things you do for me

You may not see as well as I
how much your help means and why
Because of you, I can lead a life full of self-esteem;
and you know how much that can mean.

The smile in your voice brings happiness to my soul.
The things you do for me, so I may reach my goal.
Because of you, I learned to tear down life's may fences
by compensating with the use of my other senses.

Because of you, I have tasted life's goodness that you fed,
in the tapes you recorded and the books you have read.
Your time is precious, yet you give it away.
Unselfishly you give it, so I can find my way.

Your face I may not be able to clearly see.
But, oh how beautiful you are to me.
Your name, if I knew it, I would engrave in gold
for all to see it, both young and old.

You have touched my life and it feels so good.
knowing you cared and did all that you could.

Deane Luce

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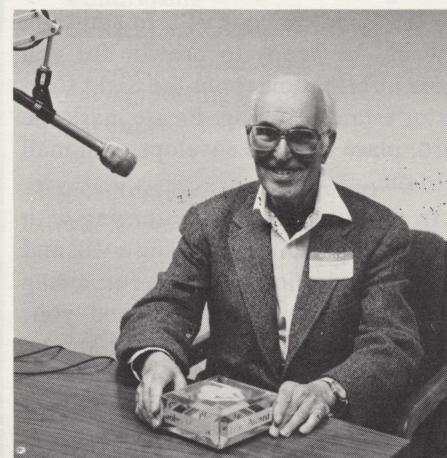
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Mr. John Hirsch is the first recipient of the Iris Award.

1989 Report to the Community — Persons Served

	1989	1988
Social Services		
Information and Referral	1241	598
Clients	106	203
Rehabilitation Teaching		
Clients	65	95
Orientation and Mobility—Adults		
Clients	16	116
Orientation and Mobility—Children		
Total Children Seen	31	35
Children's Services		
Total Persons Served	39	52
Recreation		
Total Persons Served	177	151
Volunteers		
Total No. of Volunteer Hours Provided	11,503	9,494
Total No. of Volunteers	412	420
Talking Book Machine users		
	3,068	2,807
Prevention of Blindness		
No. of glasses purchased	167	250
Preschool children screeded	3,332	2,548
School age children screened	12,749	11,160
Adults screened	6,414	2,788
Community Medical Eye Clinic		
Total Persons Served	373	347
Community Eye Clinic		
Opticians		
Total Persons Served	391	374
Diagnostic Ocular Pediatric Clinic		
	33	60
Special Administrative Services		
Public Education Assignments	127	145
SCAN On-Air Hours		
	2,437	15.5*

*SCAN began broadcasting on 3/27/89. Prior to that time, the Sight Center broadcasted a weekly half-hour program over the radio station located at Scott High School.

Note: Some totals reflect "overlapping services." That is, persons who have received one service such as rehabilitation teaching may also have received others such as counseling or Talking Books.

"to provide services that maximize the independence of individuals who are blind and visually impaired and to minimize the incidence of blindness through education and prevention"



County	No. of Persons Served	
	1988	1989
Allen	539	601
Auglaize	170	168
Crawford	228	238
Defiance	267	551
Erie	726	807
Fulton	690	669
Hancock	646	869
Hardin	196	204
Henry	497	814
Huron	590	590
Lenawee	498	499
Lucas	26,298	33,439
Mercer	142	132
Monroe	836	746

Ottawa	883	643
Paulding	161	196
Putnam	302	275
Sandusky	1,045	1,175
Seneca	896	702
Van Wert	202	196
Williams	506	525
Wood	2,638	2,016
Wyandot	207	211
TOTALS	47,106	38,262



Statements of Support, Revenue, and Expenses Years Ended December 31, 1989 and 1988

Support and Revenue	1989	1988
Public Contributions	\$262,594	\$238,083
Bequests	127,163	199,120
Grants:		
Government	67,705	12,000
Other	10,878	21,120
Donated Services	56,433	46,565
Memorials	6,788	6,986
United Way Agencies	215,764	213,504
Fees from government agencies	109,567	94,699
Sales of adaptive appliances	17,770	13,620
Investment income	46,545	33,737
Oil Royalty income	47,065	38,579
Rental income, net of related costs	19,459	27,979
Holiday cards, net of related costs	3,333	3,597
Other	8,209	8,674
Total support and revenue	\$999,273	\$958,263

Expenses

Program Services:		
Adaptive Appliances	\$ 50,341	\$ 35,993
Rehabilitation	317,730	288,388
Sight Conservation	105,815	112,508
Public Education	55,775	57,285
Reading and Information Services	81,544	22,300
Volunteers*	22,563	20,310
Total program services	\$633,768	\$536,784

INCOME

United Way Agencies	22%
Public Support	33%
Fees/grants	18%
Bequests	13%
Investments/rentals	11%
Appliance sales	2%
Holiday Cards/misc.	1%

EXPENSES

Rehabilitaton	36%
General and Adm.	15%
Sight Conservation	12%
Fundraising	13%
Reading Service	9%
Public Education	6%
Adaptive Appliances	6%
Volunteers	3%

Supporting Services

Fundraising	\$116,890	\$ 77,671
General and Administrative	144,169	176,345
Total supporting services	\$261,059	\$254,016
Total expenses	894,827	790,800
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	\$104,446	\$167,463

*Volunteers is now considered a program service.

The above information is a summary of the operations of the Toledo Society for the Blind taken from the Society's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1989.

Such information does not include balance sheets, statements of changes in fund balances, or notes to financial statements necessary for presentation of financial information in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Society's audited financial statements are available at the Society's offices.

A Typical Donor . . . You!

Sight Center donors come in all shapes and sizes. This past year, we surveyed about 88 percent of those who are \$3 and over givers to try to get a better understanding of their relationship to the agency, their lifestyles, and their thoughts about the future of our programs and services.

Of all the surveys mailed, about 16 percent replied to our questionnaire. While our results are not scientific, they are interesting. What follows is a loose translation of a **typical donor**.

Both males and females are equally interested in the Sight Center. Most of them have heard about us by mail or word of mouth. Over three-fourths of them know someone who is blind, and most often that is a friend.

Their lifestyles reflect the fact that over half use mail order catalogs, mostly J.C. Penney, Sears, and L.L. Bean. The most popularly subscribed magazines are Readers Digest and National Geographic. An overwhelming majority are daily readers of *The Blade*, followed by *The Wall Street Journal*. Channels 11 and 13 in Toledo were an equal choice among TV stations usually watched, though many enjoy

programs on Channel 30 as well.

Demographically, over half are over the age of 65, married, had children, retired from a profession, attend a Christian church, most having completed high school and many, college. They own their own home, and in some instances, a second home. Half hold CD's and a third own stocks and bonds. Almost 70 percent have life insurance. About 90 percent have a will and approximately 17 percent have named a charity in their will. Nearly half of those who contribute have an income of less than \$30,000 a year. In fact, 25 percent of them earn less than \$15,000.

Of all our benefactors, 75 percent feel that the image of the agency is positive in the community. Most of our donors have visited the agency. They ranked our top three most important programs as rehabilitation teaching, prevention of blindness and counseling.

In short, there really is no typical donor. They are young and old, rich and poor, blind and sighted. Their donations range from \$1 to \$5,000. To provide quality services, the Sight Center needs each one of them, in particular, the typical one . . . you!

Barb Rasik Uses Staff Training to Save a Life

Last Fall, the Sight Center offered a CPR course to staff members taught by the American Red Cross. A few weeks later, Barb Rasik, a vision screener in the Prevention of Blindness Department, was having dinner with her family at a local restaurant. She saw a man choking, and used her new skills to save his life.

This is an excerpt from the letter he wrote to say thank you:

Dear Mrs. Rasik:

I am deeply in debt to you for your prompt action in applying the Heimlich maneuver last Saturday at suppertime in the Friendly Restaurant in Toledo. My wife, a nurse, had tried, but without success, as had one of the waiters. It was your volunteering which made the difference! And I am truly grateful to you and can type these lines because of your help.

It's not often that a person has the opportunity to offer this kind of assistance to another human being. And sometimes those who can help are unwilling to commit themselves—for fear of failing or some other reason. Yet, you stepped out and applied your training in a meaningful way, and what a difference it has made to my life!

Many years ago, I served in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater of Operations. Of the 250 men who originally



Barb Rasik used her new skills to save a life.

served in my company, there were only three of us left. For a variety of reasons, the others were no longer able to serve in our company. As I later reflected on that fact, I often asked myself: "Why was I spared, when so many others were not? Does God have something for me to do?" That question answered a few years later, when I felt a definite call to the Christian ministry.

For the past 36 years I've served as a Presbyterian minister, the last 30 years as the pastor of a church in North Olmsted. Now my life takes on a new phase, because I've been asking myself (again): What does the Lord have for me to do now? I've also been thinking of you and your family, and I pray that the Lord will give you a special blessing in the days to come! For you and for me, things have changed since last Saturday. Our lives will never be the same; they have been made better because of this 'chance meeting.'

**God Bless,
L. Gordon Blasius**



Phil Williams, Leslie Baughman, and Charlotte Croskey relax in the Sight Center lobby.

Meet the Sight Center Family

**by Kelli Thomas
Communications Intern**

The Sight Center would like to welcome three new employees: **Charlotte Croskey, Leslie Baughman, and Phil Williams**. Each brings a unique set of talents and abilities to the Sight Center team.

Charlotte, who is the new mailing coordinator/development secretary, comes to the agency from Crosby Gardens where she worked as the administrative assistant. Charlotte's new job consists of the organization of daily mail and newsletters such as "Goins' On" and *Sightings*. Her primary task is that of direct mail solicitation, sending appeals to agency donors. She keeps records of all donations while working with many dedicated volunteers.

Charlotte lives with her four year old son in Toledo. Three brothers and one sister live nearby. In her spare time, she enjoys roller skating and karate. When asked what she hopes to achieve in the next ten years, she replied, "I hope to be a doctor." She plans to study pre-med at the University of Toledo.

Leslie Baughman, on the other hand, has just completed years of study. Leslie joined the Sight Center in January as the new children's orientation and mobility instructor. She received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State and a master's degree from Western Michigan University. Leslie is originally from Bay City, Michigan where her parents and a younger brother and sister reside. Because Leslie's undergraduate degree is in Visually Impaired Education, her interest was sparked when she saw an opening for an orientation and mobility instructor at the Sight Center listed in the Job Exchange. When asked what she liked best about her chosen profession, she said "I like the variety. Each child is different and I learn something new every day. You never know everything!"

Leslie is a member of AER (Association of Education and Rehabilitation). She hopes to some day receive her Ph.D. and teach at the college level. Leslie enjoys playing tennis and traveling. She has visited New York and South Carolina and completed her internship in San Francisco.

Another accomplished traveler is Phil Williams, the new production coordinator for SCAN, the newly developed Sight Center Audio Network. Phil is responsible for recording all of the readings from area papers, overseeing the sound production of every broadcast, consulting with Madge Levinson, the SCAN coordinator, about programming, and handling all technical aspects of the studio.

Phil became interested in SCAN while volunteering as a reader. His 18 years of experience in public broadcasting and 8 years in social work blend nicely to make him very qualified for his new position. Phil attended The College of Wooster and received a baccalaureate degree in Philosophy and a master's in Speech and Theatre.

At the top of Phil's own list of his accomplishments is his involvement in the inauguration of two broadcast systems in Toledo. In addition to SCAN, he was instrumental in the birth of WGTE, FM 91. He plans to stay around Toledo and watch SCAN's successful growth.

As an adventurer, Phil has sailed from California to the Sea of Cortez. Some day he hopes to do some long distance blue water sailing. He also has an interest in history and photography. His travels have taken him to various places throughout the United States as well, but his two sons are what brought him back to Ohio. He reports enjoying a straight-forward and simple lifestyle.

Persons like Charlotte, Leslie, and Phil are welcome additions to the Sight Center team.

Memorial Contributions

A permanent record is made of memorial contributions and other gifts to The Sight Center. Memorials are promptly acknowledged in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. The following is a list of memorials, gifts in honor of others, and bequests received by The Sight Center from November 18, 1989 to May 31, 1990.

In Honor Of

The birthday of **Mrs. Stanley Dolgin** by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Basch

Mrs. Eugene Farbar by Mrs. Jerome Kobacker
New granddaughter, **Lindsay Miller**, by Merl and Marilyn Thomas

Mike Wernert by Mr. and Mrs. John Wernert

In Memory Of

Mildred Anderson by Charles Smith
Minnie Auer by Clara Cleland and family
John Bachmayer by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Cleo J. Berkau by Linda Baldwin
Carl Berndt by Dorothy Berndt
Boston Bristol by Mr. and Mrs. John Hrovatic and John Michael

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Judith Cassidy by Mr. and Mrs. Lino DeMaria, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Heidelberg, Charles Lyman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woitzel

R. Dean Caswall by Nan and Grove Terwilliger
Wernert Cavanee by Larry and Pat Soldwisch and George and Marion Sullivan

Edward Cray by Alice Levy
Dr. Crider by Kathryn E. Schiever

Bill Cummerow by Kenneth Ausel
Floyd Cunningham by Juanita Cole, Mrs. Floyd Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gustin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Knudson, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Noel and family

Edith Day by Pearl Duganiero
Anthony Destazio by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

John Duvall by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed
Ruth Dwyer by Lola King

Stella Eikost by Al and Wanda McEwen
Kent Eley by Jane Eley
Maxine Elzwiler by Mr. and Mrs. W. Franck

Norman Fields by Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Fields

Gladys Frazier by Mr. and Mrs. Theron Brisbin, Evelyn Berres, Nancy Burton, Jane Files, Glass City Grandmothers, Lillian Keller, Barry McEwen, Sight Center Staff, and Wernert Corners Civic Association

Lillian Friend by Rhea Rex
Helen Gould by Nancy and Margo Brock

Irene Graves by Mr. and Mrs. W. James Perry
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Michael Hickey by Barry, Cathy, and Duncan McEwen

Dr. Charles Jones, Jr. by Dorothy Mowery
Frank Katafiasz by Information Services Division of Society Bank and Trust

Gladys Kidd by Delbert Hune, Al and Wanda McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Barry McEwen, and Olive Norris

John S. Kozy, M.D. by Barry and Cathy McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bauman, Sight Center Staff and Mr. and Mrs. Merl Thomas

Melvin Krieger by Mrs. Pearl Duganiero
Joyce Ann Lee by Mr. and Mrs. Barry McEwen and Larry Penner

Mother of Mrs. Robert Martin by Walter and Doris Lehman

Eleanor Lemle by Rose M. Watkins
Frank Lininger by Rose Watkins

Robert Masters by John Rohen
John Matuszynski by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Virginia Mefford by Elaine Black and Carlton A. and Anna Laura Richie, Sr.

William Meldrum by American Ship Building Company, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auerbach, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Janet J. Gordon, Elizabeth M. Gorrie, Harborview Yacht Club, Kenney Drive Neighbors, Edith McDonald, Mrs. Margaret Nielson, Mrs. A. Ricco, Florence M. Sanderson, Senior Citizens Club of Elizabeth City Parks and Recreation Department, Mrs. Lucille L. Swanson, Deanna, Bill and Rob Todd

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Brent Muldrum by Ed and Ann Nazar
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Ann Brita Page by Arnold Page to honor their wedding anniversary

Mary E. Polzin by Vicki Blaesing, Elizabeth Dawson and Frank, Jim and Phyllis Harvey, Earnestine Hyter, Robert and Heidi Moomaw, Dave and Becky Moore, Frank and Emma Orban, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rathge and sons, Russell and Carol Scheibler, Ronald and Edna Shepherd, Henry and Nancy Smith, Tony and Mary Tuckolski, and Ray and Elaine Young

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Ella Reese by Phyllis Conroy and Mrs. Bartlett E. Emery

Helen Roberts by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Galyas, Welfred B. Roberts, and Norma J. Vaughn

Ilah M. Roehrig by Sharon Kerns

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Woodrow Shimming by Joseph G. Hornyak and Sight Center Staff

Nelson Schneider by Mrs. Pearl Duganiero and Mr. and Mrs. Claude N. Kohli

Robert M. Schumacher by Walter and Doris Lehman

Richard J. Siebenaller, Sr. by Richard J. Siebenaller, Jr.

Douglas Sinn by Mr. and Mrs. Barry McEwen

Elinor Smyth by Al and Wanda McEwen

Maxine Spence by Marie Lazenby and Dorcas Kinn

Henry Stoltenburg by Mrs. Willard Champe

Esther Stoll by Walter A. Stoll

Clara Suydam by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Donald Tank by Mr. and Mrs. Angus Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Komon, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, and Mr. Leonard Shinevar

Walter Taylor by John Rohen

Robert G. Tipton by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Ray Trabbic by the Ray Trabbic family

Douglas Valentine by Mr. and Mrs. Barry A. McEwen

Pauline Wade by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Reed

Mother of Margaret Walter by Walter and Doris Lehman

Margaret Wernert by Lenare Coger and Kay and Don Dix

Marie Widmer by Mrs. Kent Upham

Clement Wielinski by Mary M. Lininger

Myrtle Winchell by Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Croft, Mr. M.W. Croft, Jr., Doris E. Ice, Mrs. Louise Manion and family, Catherine L. Myers, Glenn R. Ninke, and Dorothy Bates Turner

Gordon Winder by Judy and Steve Mascho

Frank Yates by June and Louise Yates

A Birthday of Beginnings

It began with Art Edgerton's rendition of "Happy Birthday" and ended with a chocolate cake. It was the celebration of the Sight Center Audio Network's first birthday on March 27 and the inaugural broadcast in the new studios at the agency.

Board members, volunteers, friends from WBGU-TV and WGTE-TV, staff members, and honored guests attended the festivities. Those interviewed during the live broadcast, Barry McEwen, Sight Center President and CEO; Duane Tucker, retired General Manager of WBGU-TV; Bill Block, Jr., of *The Blade*; Julie Fleener of the Bowling Green *Daily Sentinel Tribune*, Elmer Fisher, Director of Ohio Public Broadcasting, John Hirsch and Carol Cover, the first two SCAN volunteer readers, and Ginny Place, SCAN's first listener talked about the program's beginnings and the hard work of many who made the service and the studio a reality. The Sight Center is especially indebted to board member and Development Committee Chairman Tom Day who was instrumental in attracting major donors to fund the \$120,000 studio.

Each day, articles that appear in *The Blade*, *The Daily Sentinel Tribune*, *The Findlay Courier*, and the *Defiance Crescent News* are read by volunteers and broadcast over the second audio program channels of WBGU-TV, Channel 27 and WGTE-TV, Channel 30. Recently, the local weekly paper, *The Toledo Journal* was added to the program schedule.

Much of the credit for the birth and growth of SCAN goes to Madge Levinson, Reading Services Coordinator. Madge is always interested in talking to persons who are print handicapped about becoming listeners. She can be reached at The Sight Center at (419) 241-1183 or 1-800-624-8378. The signal can be received in all 23 counties in the Sight Center service area.



Madge Levinson, (far right) interviews Barry McEwen and Dr. Duane Tucker during SCAN's first live broadcast.

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The Pros Are Too Much for the Home Team



Dr. Bill Mestrezat, #8, watches the defense of Cleveland Browns Webster Slaughter and Mike Oliphant.

Is this fair? Nineteen guys against 5 guys? Taking a winning score (and an over 20 point lead) and reversing it at the half? Well, the Cleveland Browns after all are pros, and their propensity for winning drove them to beat the Home Team in the exhibition game played at Savage Hall on April 27. The event was sponsored by the Toledo (Host) Lions Club for the benefit of The Sight Center.

This year, captain Barry McEwen recruited 18 team members of varying ages and abilities, and after one practice shaped them into a challenging force that certainly entertained the crowd. At the half, a sympathetic scorekeeper kindly reversed the wide point margin in favor of the home team, but the Browns proved their skills could beat the odds.

Kristi Thurston of Toledo received a trophy as the winner of the Top Dawg contest. A member of the Northwest Ohio Browns Backers Association, she came to the game in a complete dog suit.

The Sight Center is grateful for the efforts of the Toledo (Host) Lions Club, and especially to Barry Brandt and his committee. A special note of thanks is given to WTVG-TV, Channel 13 and 93Q, KISS-FM for promoting the event.

The Toledo Society for the Blind/**The Sight Center** is a private, independent, non-profit agency serving 23 counties in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The agency is a participant in United Way funding in the counties of Defiance, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Putnam, Sandusky, and Wood, and in the cities of Archbold, Delta, Lima, Norwalk, and Swanton.



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The Sight Center Teams with the Toledo Rowing Club to Sponsor Annual Regatta

May 19 proved a beautiful day for rowing down the Maumee. Over 500 participants and officials gathered at International Park for the 6th annual Toledo International Regatta held to benefit The Sight Center.

Here, the University of Toledo entry in the Women's 4 race heads up the river to the starting gate.



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